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A silicon carbide sintered body, wherein the porosity obtained from areas of silicon carbide particles and silicon particles in a sectional polished surface of the silicon carbide sintered body is greater than 15% and less than 30%, when the porosity (%) equals  $(\text{the area of silicon particles} / (\text{the area of silicon particles} + \text{the area of silicon carbide particles})) \times 100$ ; and a content of residual silicon is less than 4% to a total volume of the silicon carbide sintered body.